

Flowers From Holland May 1

Austria Honors Chief Of State

Austria's president, Dr. Theodor Körner, will be the subject pictured on a commemorative stamp to be released in his honor on his 80th birthday. Sale will begin on April 21, but it will be April 24 that the stamp is valid for postage.



According to Edwin Mueller of New York City and the Austrian Postal Administration a steel blue color has been chosen along with a denomination of 1.50 Schilling.

A printing of one million copies in sheets of fifty will be made at the Austrian State Printing Works from engraved plates. Ferdinand Lorber was responsible for both the design and the engraving.

Spain Will Honor Don Juan Cortes

A direct descendant of Hernan Cortes, conqueror of Mexico, is to be honored on the centenary of his death by Spain in the near future. He is Don Juan Donoso Cortes, philosopher, poet and politician who died in Paris March 3, 1853 while serving there as ambassador from Spain. This 10c stamp has a portrait of Cortes.

Cortes was born May 6, 1809 in Valle de la Serena in the province of Badajoz. He also earned a measure of prominence in the field of jurisprudence beginning his career with attendances at the Universities of Salamanca and Caceres.

Carlos Lenze of Madrid, Spain who sent the news above reports further that Spain's Territory of Ifni will have a new set of airmails in April. They will replace the provisional surcharged items. Values are to be 60c, 1.20, 1.60, 2, 4, and 10 Pesetas.

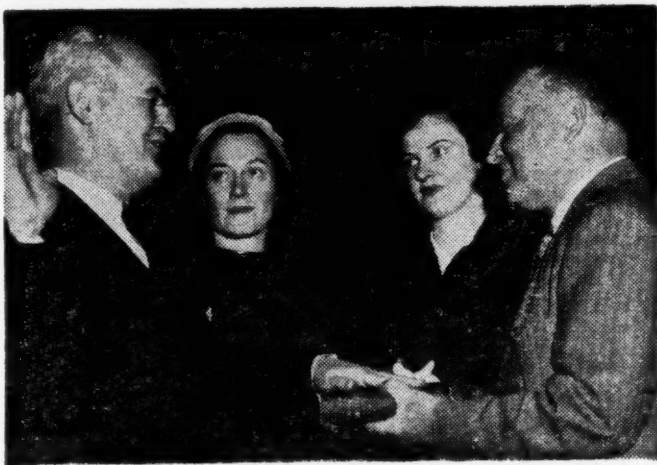
Mr. Lenze states that the denominations of the colonial Stamp Day set for Spanish Guinea, Ifni and Spanish Western Sahara have been chosen. They are 5c plus 5c, 10c plus 5c, 15c and 60c. Designs are to come from a competition.

Thirteen From Vatican In April

Vatican City is to release a set of thirteen commemoratives this month, according to Vittorio Lo Bianco of New York City. They will honor the popes who helped in the construction and improvement of St. Peter's Basilica.

Included in the designs are Popes Pius XII, St. Peter, Silvestrus I, Julius II, Sixtus V., Paul V, Urban VIII, Pius VI, Paul III, and Alexander VII.

The face value is to be 515 lire. The size is the same as that of the Basilicas issue.



ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL FOR "STAMP COLLECTORS". Albert J. Robertson, left, with his hand on a Bible held by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield, right, is being sworn in as Assistant Postmaster General for the Bureau of Finance. Daughters of Mr. Robertson look on, Mrs. C. S. Collins (right center) and Mrs. David W. Gow (left center). Mr. Robertson's department is concerned with many of the postal functions which also concern stamp collectors such as the Philatelic Agency.

United States Postmark Collecting Is Fascinating

J. F. McGee

This sideline should have a larger number of followers. A postmark collection, because of its nature, would be bound to be individualistic in character. There is at least one don't. Don't attempt to take in the whole U. S. field. For such a collection, even if fairly complete, would not be worth the time, efforts and money expended upon it.

Here is a suggestion for a restricted group of postmarks that would be of historical interest. C. F. Scott, West Hartford, Conn., a correspondent, dug up a page from the Magazine Section of the Sunday Hartford (Conn.) Courant of February 4, 1945, which he had filed away at the time. He forwarded it to me to see if it would interest others. The page is devoted to an article on a collection of Connecticut town postmarks.

The owner-collector, Arthur G. Lyons, is shown studying his collection which is mounted in a three-ring binder type of album. His town postmarks are cut square. He has them mounted on one page and on the back of the other one he has given the real and legendary facts about the town represented by the postmark.

The majority of the towns of the Nutmeg State had their origin in Colonial days. The data on the town of Brooklyn reminds citizens that Connecticut was once a slaveholding state. Of the 3633 slaves owned in the state in 1756, one man residing at Brooklyn possessed the largest number, between 50 and 60.

In the earlier days most of the towns were noted for the manufacture of certain goods for Yankee peddlers. These included tinware, sleigh bells, keys and locks, clocks, watches, buttons, combs, pistols, gunpowder, gin, brandy and cigars, to mention a few of the products. But alas and alack, Mr. Lyons does not identify the town that supplied the Yankee peddlers with wooden nutmegs.

You could also mount a collection of covers of your own state and write them up on the back of the opposite page, giving the history, location, population, attractions and industries of the town.

If you are of the racial stock that helped to settle the U. S.

and to found its towns, possibly you can find a namesake burg listed in the U. S. Postal Guide. Mr. Scott did. His full name is Charles Frederick. He located a Charles in North Carolina; a Frederick in Maryland; and a Scott in Louisiana. He fixed up an envelope and sent it by turns under cover to the postmasters of these towns, requesting their postmarks. Mr. Scott lived then (1932) on Stanley Street, New Britain, Conn. There were a Stanley and a Street in Maryland, and he got their postmarks on the same cover, along with that of New Britain, Conn.

You can also learn U. S. geography through postmarks as Mr. Scott has shown. He obtained the postmark of Lebanon, Kansas, which is at the geographical center of the U. S. A. He then sent the prepared cover to a town at each of the four cardinal points of the compass, North, East, South and West. These are Penasse, Minnesota; Lubec, Maine, Key West, Florida; and Patoosh, Washington. On a set of covers with single postmarks, he had Lapush, Washington, substituted for Patoosh.

Offer Cachet For P. O. Centennial

San Leandro, California's post office will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its opening on May 3. Cooperating on a suitable Philatelic commemoration of the event are postmaster George Perry, the Chamber of Commerce of San Leandro, and the Philatelic Society of San Leandro.

Cacheted envelopes will be offered by the stamp club. For 10c each, a stamp will be affixed and the envelopes addressed to the designated persons, and cancelled on the centennial day. A printed stuffer will carry a short history of the occasion.

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Flowers, which seem to be so popular a subject for stamp designs among the world's nations at the moment, will appear on the set of five semipostal stamps Holland will release May 1. These are the annual issue of Summer charities the funds from which are devoted to social and cultural purposes. First of these stamps with surtax appeared in that country in 1906, Tuberculosis Prevention and Cure benefiting from their sale. The annual Summer set with goals similar to current emissions first came out in 1935. The 1952's also pictured "posies" native to the Netherlands and were five in number.

In announcing the sale, the Netherlands PTT Administration signified they would be available in all post offices from May 1 to June 30. Their validity to prepay postal fees will expire December 31, 1954.



Denominations, colors and designs are as follows: —

2c plus 2c, a hyacinth, blue against a background of light blue.

5c plus 3c, African marigold, brownish yellow against a background of light brownish yellow.

6c plus 4c, daffodil, white and yellow against a background of light green.

10c plus 5c, anemone, carmine against a background of light carmine.

20c plus 5c, iris, blue against a background of light blue.

Andre van der Vossen of Overveen, Netherlands conceived the designs which are to be reproduced by rotogravure.

Printing is to be the work of J. Enschede en Zonen of Haarlem. It will be possible for collectors to purchase these stamps in any quantity from the Philatelic Service, The Hague, Netherlands. The face value of 62c in Dutch currency is equivalent to 18c U. S.

Payments can be made by International Money Orders, Certified Checks, U. S. Dollar bills and Cashier's Checks. Coins are not accepted in payment.

No mention was made of the availability of first day cover service. For those who want to gamble on the matter they can send their envelopes prepared with a name and address to the Philatelic Agency along with a sufficient sum to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. Because sea-mail might arrive after the first day of issue, en-

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Designs are similar to those they replace with the exception that they bear a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II in place of her deceased father, King George VI.

Values are 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 12c, 24c, 60c, and \$1.20 and \$4.80.

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Greyhounds Carry Mail To Chicago

According to J. B. Jackson, Ferndale, Mich. Greyhound buses began carrying mail between Detroit and Chicago April 1. This is the first time such service has been inaugurated on the route and was brought on by a need to get mail into the Chicago post office for better morning deliveries.

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Statistical Information On New Zealand Health Sets

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These semi-postal stamps are very popular and each year the catalogue shows increases of the obsolete sets. The first of these was issued in 1929 and was not well received by the philatelic press, which advised collectors to abstain from buying these labels. However about 600,000 were sold, the premium going to various health camps.

In 1930, the same design was used with slight changes and again was criticized by the philatelic press, which evidently was determined to cause New Zealand to abandon the health stamp idea. This campaign resulted in sales of only about 200,000 for this 1930 issue.

For 1931 an entirely new design was introduced, now known as the "Smiling Boy" and again the philatelic press was advising collectors to boycott these labels. These continued adverse comments may have been the cause of sales of only 75,000 of the lower value and 112,000 of the higher value. Since then each year showed a substantial increase in sales, so that the number sold in 1937, with the design of the rock climber was 897,035.

In 1938, the design was "Children Playing" and the quantity sold was 1,234,720.

In 1939 the design showed "Boys Playing With A Health Ball" and the quantities sold were 482,746 of the lower value and 516,746 of the higher value. This reduction in sales from the previous year, may be due to the change from one to two stamps.

In 1940 the same design as was used in 1939, without the surcharge and the quantities sold were 284,756 of the lower value and 359,942 of the higher value.

For 1941 the design was the same as in 1940, but overprinted "1941." The quantities sold were 349,543 of the lower value and 434,855 of the higher value.

1942 brought a design of "Children Swinging" and the amounts sold were 720,042 of the low value and 942,425 of the higher value.

Princesses Margaret Rose and Elizabeth appeared on the 1943 set and the quantities sold were 1d-3, 133,111, and 2d-3,339,686. This was the first and only issue in triangle shape. It is very popular and may soon exceed in price some of the earlier issues.

The 1944 issue has the same two princesses shown as in 1943, but this time both on the same stamp whereas in 1943 each princess was on an individual stamp. The quantities sold were 1d-3,045,288, and 2d-3,405,269.

In 1945 the design was the popular Peter Pan statue and the sales went up to 3,994,633 for the 1d, and 3,994,945 for the 2d.

A Soldier Assisting A Child graced the 1946 issue and again sales went up, this time to 4,500,000 of the 1d, and 5,000,000 of the 2d.

The statuette of Eros came in 1947 and again there was a large increase in sales which were 5,500,000 of the 1d, and 6,000,000 of the 2d.

In 1948 the design was a Health Camp Playing Field and the total sales were 5,442,851 of the 1d, and 5,903,958 of the 2d.

The design in 1949 was "A Nurse With A Child," and the quantities sold were 5,517,034 of the 1d, and 5,999,109 of the 2d.

Princess Elizabeth and her son Prince Charles are to be seen on the 1950. Numbers sold was 5,521,324 of the 1d, and 6,816,448 of the 2d.

Yachts of the "Takapuna Class" are pictured on the 1951 set and the quantities sold 5,100,013 of the lower value and 6,122,628 of the higher.

In 1952 the designs show Princess Anne on the lower value and Prince Charles on the higher. This is a popular set and from current reports, the sale will probably exceed all previous records. The premium on this set will go to the health camp at Pakuraunga.

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North Toronto Has One Day Exhibition

The 10th annual exhibition of the North Toronto Stamp Club takes place on Saturday, May 2 at the York Masonic Temple, 5 Eglinton Ave., E., Toronto, Ont. from 3:30 to 9:30 p. m. More than 1000 pages of stamps are to be entered in the various classes for the dozen trophies as well as other prizes.

Louis Lamoureux, Toronto philatelist and first president of the North Toronto Stamp Club, is to officially open the show at 4 p. m.

Most of the leading Toronto dealers, as well as the sales books of the Canadian Philatelic Society and the North Toronto Stamp Club, will be represented at the bourse. The closing, at 9:00 p. m., features the presentation of awards and the draw for valuable raffle prizes.


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Philatelic Gift For Carnegie Museum

The "Carnegie Magazine" for March 1953, published at 4400 Forbes St., Pittsburgh 13, Pa. for various Carnegie endowed cultural institutions, has an article of interest to stamp collectors.

Under the title "A Notable Gift To The Museum" by W. L. Alexander, a description is made of the philatelic items bequeathed to the Carnegie Museum by Richard J. Blum as a memorial to his father the late Max L. Blum.

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Application blanks for participation will be accepted until June 1 and will be furnished on request by G. Sempf, IFABA, Frankfurt a/Main, Wiesenhuetenstr. 4, Germany.

Hoosiers Announce Late May Exhibition

May 23 and 24 have been set as the dates for the spring stamp exhibition of the Rose City Stamp Club. This "second annual" is to be staged in the Leland Hotel in Richmond, Ind.

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Ahorra Tiempo 1929-1935 San Juan
Puerto Rico.
Airmail Saves Time — (1924-1936
Various Cities).
International Civil Aeronautics
Conference Dec. 12-14, 1923.
Airmail Saves Time — (1937-1951
Various Cities).

ARROW

32nd Div. Reunion Madison-Wis-
consin Aug. 26-29, 1922.

BOAT

100th Year Swampscott 1852-1952
(Mass.)

COWBOY

Fort Worth Centennial 1849-1949.
Fort Worth 1936 Frontier Cen-
tennial.

CROSS

Give Red Cross Fund (1947-1953
Various Cities).
Give Red Cross War Fund (1943-
1948 Various Cities).
Help Save A Life Be A Blood
Donor (1949-50, 52, 53, Phila., Pa.).
Red Cross Roll Call Join (1924-
1940 Various Cities).
Red Cross Roll Call Join Nov.
11-30 (1922-23 Various Cities).

CROSS, TB

Chest X-Rays Save Lives (1951-
Baytown, Houston, Texas).
Fight TB Support Your TB As-
sociation (1950-3 Various Cities).

EAGLE

1847 Centenary 1947 International
Philatelic Exhibition May 17-25
1947 U.S. Postage Stamps (1947-24
Cities).

FEATHER

Give Enough Through Your Com-
munity Chest (1949-53 Various).
Give Enough Through Your Com-
munity Fund (1949-53 Various).
Wear Your Red Feather Proudly
(1949-53 Various Cities).

FLAG

Kansas City Centennial 1850-1950
(Missouri).

FLOWER

National Boy Scout Jamboree
June 30-July 7-1950 (Valley Forge,
Pa.)

HORSE

Fort Worth Centennial 1849-1949
Fort Worth 1936 Frontier Centen-
nial.
In The Spirit Of Paul Revere
Buy Defense Bonds (1951-53).

KEY

Give Enough Through Your Unit-
ed Fund (1951-2 New Haven, Conn.)

LIGHTHOUSE

Ocean County, N. J. Centennial
1850-1950 (Beach Haven, N.J.).

MAN

(Minute) — In The Spirit Of Paul
Revere Buy Defense Bonds (1951-
53).

(George Washington) — 1776-1951
Battle Of Trenton (Trenton, N. J.).
(Santa Claus) — 1852-1952 Santa
Claus Centennial (Santa Claus,
Ind.).

MAPS

California Statehood Centennial
1850-1950 (Sacramento).
Columbus, Ohio Sesquicentennial
(1853).

Texas & Pan American Exposit-
ion Dallas June 1937.
Texas 19 Dallas 36 Centennial.
Nevada 1851-1951 Centennial (Re-
no).

Ohio Sesquicentennial 1803 Chil-
licothe 1953 First Capital.

MOUNTAIN

Big Spring 1849-1949 Centennial
Oct. 2-8 (Texas).

PERISPHERE

New York World's Fair 1940.

ROCK

Plymouth Pilgrim Tercentenary
July-Aug. Sept. 1921 (Mass.).

SHIELD

In The Spirit Of Paul Revere
Buy Defense Bonds (1951-53).

SPEARHEAD

National Aircraft Shows Cleve-
land Nov. 15-24, 1946.

TRIANGLE

Pan American Exposition 1901
(Buffalo, N.Y.).

TRILION

New York World's Fair 1940.

TREE STUMP

Remember Only You Can Pre-
vent Forest Fires (1948-1953 Various
Cities).

TURKEY

Cuero, Texas Nov. 9-10-11, 1922.

STAR

Columbus, Ohio Sesquicentennial
(1853).

FLAG CANCELS

Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposit-
ion (1909 Seattle, Wash.).
Congress Postal Universal (1897
Washington, D.C.).
Model Post Office Panama Pa-

cific International Exposition (1915
San Francisco, Calif.).
Over-Sea Railroad Celebration
Jan. 22 to Feb. 3, 1912 (Key West,
Fla.).
Panama California International
Exposition at San Diego 1916 (Var-
ious Cities).
Pan American 1901 Exposition
(Buffalo, N.Y.).
South Carolina Interstate And
West Indian Exposition 1901-1902
(Charleston, S.C.).
World's Panama Pacific Exposit-
ion In San Francisco 1915.
Paris Exposition 1900 (U.S. Postal
Station).

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Have Cachet For Blossom Festival

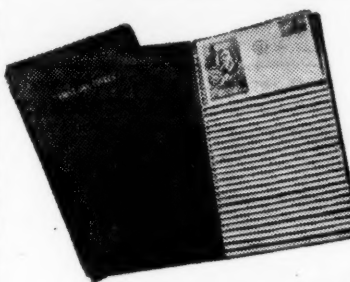
The Shenandoah Apple Blossom
Festival announces that the Win-
chester, Va. post office is using a
cancellation throughout April and
to May 1 calling attention to this
nationally famous springtime fete,
to be held on April 30-May 1. The
slogan reads: "Shenandoah Apple
Blossom Festival, April 30-May 1,
1953."

In addition, the Festival has pre-
pared a cachet dealing with both
the fete and Shenandoah Valley
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cludes the Festival, April 30-May
1, and continues through May 3.

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hold collectors' mail, upon request,
until the days of the Festival, can-
celling it on April 30 or May 1,
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Something New In Stamp Shows

Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland has just held their annual exhibition and the biggest thing about it was the splendid exhibition frames which made the show so attractive. These frames, designed by one of the members and produced by a good woodworker



GEORGE W. LINN

were a sight to behold. Each frame about 30 x 40 inches in size holds nine, standard size album pages. The frames are built of a substantial wood in natural finish and of a light weight. They are so constructed that the glass with a black paper background for display and a heavy masonite backboard can be inserted into the edge of a frame and slid into place in a few seconds. The entire work of assembling the pages and the glass for display takes but a few minutes as compared with other frames we have seen. The frames are then set up on long tables in an inverted "V" position held at the bottom by small braces and fastened at the top with two small wooden pieces that we might call locks. The whole frame is thus in almost perfect position for easy viewing. None of that neck stretching to see the top pages and no back bending to see the bottom ones. It was the most perfect setup for a stamp show we have ever seen and that is not all. The show was due to close at 5 o'clock and promptly at that minute numerous members of the club including myself started dismantling the show. There were, I believe 120 frames, maybe more and the entire setup was torn down, the stamps removed from the frames and the glass and backboard put back in for storage, all in just 30 minutes. It was a most amazing end to a wonderful display. We are told that the man who made these frames will consider orders from other clubs if interested. The frames can be purchased from him and the glass and backboard acquired in your own community, thus saving shipping expenses. We do not know just what the frames will cost but there are a few clubs which could finance at least a good number of such frames for their annual shows. We did not inquire as to just whom to contact regarding the frames but we do believe that good natured fellow, George Blizil, 2364 Queenston Road, Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio, will supply necessary information to interested parties

The Great Seal Of Ohio

This being sesquicentennial year, stories of early Ohio are being printed and broadcast on the radio from time to time and such a one was heard a week or so ago which is quite interesting. It seems that a commission to design a seal for Ohio met at Chillicothe some 150 years ago and as such commissions still do today, a card game was started early in the evening and it ran through the night till the players all feeling that it was time to turn in, stepped out of doors for a breath of fresh air before turning in. The story goes that this was just as the sun was coming up over Mount Logan which forms the central part of our state seal. One of the players noticing this suggested that it should make an excellent picture for the center of our great seal and the others apparently agreed for that is what is shown on our seal, sunrise over Mount Logan which is near Chillicothe.

Your Old Stamp Papers

If you have accumulated a file of old stamp papers and now feel the need to dispose of them, do not burn them up or throw them away. Offer them to some of the many collectors or stamp clubs that might want them. Recently George Kleinschmidt of Painesville, Ohio advised us that he had Linn's Weekly for the past 20 years and wanted to dispose of them, and should he just throw them away or would someone like them.

We advised him that if he would permit us to offer them to any collector who would pay the shipping charges that we could find plenty who would want the paper. This was agreed to and a note was inserted in this editorial column. Mrs. Kleinschmidt now writes us that he had requests from about 20 persons from New Jersey to the Dakotas. One telephone call even came two hours before he got his own paper for that week. He advises us that he gave them to the Smithsonian Institution of Washington, D. C.

Well, we are quite pleased that such an organization has seen fit to ask for this file of papers. So if you have old papers, let us offer them to anyone who will pay shipping charges, do not destroy them.

Hyphenated Town Names

A few weeks ago we mentioned that we thought perhaps "Howey-in-the-Hills", Florida might be a unique cancellation for cancellation collectors since it was a name composed of four words and hyphenated. We have since discovered or rather noted that the name is not hyphenated in the cancel mark. The hyphens we find are used by some of the native population in their date line on correspondence. Well anyhow it is a four word name, something quite unusual and as such is perhaps unique in postal cancels.

Since calling attention to this four word name we are advised of another name that is of five words if we want to make two words out of "Saint Mary". This town is Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. This is written just as it shows on a United States Precancel stamp so must be correct. It is, you will note of five words, counting Saint and Mary as two words and the latter three words are separated by hyphens.

Thanks to Charles Mueller of Chicago for this information and this is another unusual cancel for you who like such things.

Credit Where Credit Is Due

It is the custom for the P. O. D. at Washington to give the names of the designers and engravers of new stamps as they appear and as yet we have not seen any claim by the P. O. D. for the Ohio design which was the brain child of Bob West of Chillicothe, although the Department did make some changes. Now we are told that the Washington stamp was designed by Charles R. Chickering of the Department at Washington. A certain Mr. James A. Wehn of Seattle, Washington disputes this claim because he himself claims the original design of this stamp. Mr. Wehn submitted a design which after some changes from his original designs seems to be his design. It is after all just a small matter but if original designs

are copied with minor changes it would seem that the originator of the design should be given recognition. It is a well known fact that many designs are usually made for all stamps and that the final outcome depends wholly on the Department, but certainly it does not have to claim such designs when the basis is taken from another.

Thank The Lord

Both Mrs. Linn and myself have good reason to "Thank the Lord" for we were on the New York Central Southwestern Limited that was in that terrible wreck just east of Conneaut, Ohio, on the night of Friday, March 27th. Fortunately for us we were not bound for New York where we frequently go on this train, but got off at Cleveland, Ohio to attend the annual Garfield-Perry Stamp Club meeting. "Thank the Lord".

DOUBLE IMPRESSIONS—by Well



"Don't be so timid, Miss Quiggly. Statistics show that stamp collectors are the most trustworthy people in the world, and I'm a stamp collector."

Hopfinger Collection Attracts Connoisseurs

The auction sale of the collection of Imperforate European Classics, formed by Dr. Otto Hopfinger of New York City, which was held by the Mercury Stamp Company on March 19, brought very remarkable prices. Conducted by Don D'Amato and attended by almost 50 active bidders or their agents, the sale proved that outstanding material of this kind always finds a ready market and changes hands at prices which show a slow but steady rise.

Although the owner bought most of his stamps at auctions during the last five years, the average returns were about 10 per cent higher than his purchase prices.

A complete list of the prices realized for the 581 lots of the sale is obtainable from the Mercury Stamp Company, 522 Fifth Ave., New York 36, N.Y., for \$1, post free. Collectors who do not have the specially prepared and richly illustrated catalog of this auction can obtain a copy with the list, if requested, as long as the small supply lasts.

Germany Honors Father Of Socialism

According to Ernest A. Rietschel of Shelton, Conn. the red zone of Germany has issued a set of three stamps honoring Karl Marx said to be one of the fathers of socialism. The first day was March 14. Denominations and colors are 20pf buff and dark brown, 24pf orange red and sepia and 84pf blue and olive black.

Marx appears on each one of them in a different portrait, although his name as identification is given on none.

Reveal "Purchase" Designer, Engravers

According to the Post Office Department the designer of the Louisiana Purchase commemorative stamp design to be released at St. Louis, Mo. April 30, is William K. Schrage.

Charles A. Brooks engraved the vignette while the outline frame, lettering and numerals are the work of John S. Edmondson.

1953 STAMP PROGRAM

April 30—Louisiana Purchase, St. Louis, Mo. (50 per pane, 110 million).

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Gen. Patton
Gadsden Purchase

ISSUED TO DATE

1017—National Guard 3c, Washington, D. C. February 23.
1018—Ohio Sesqui 3c, Chillicothe, Ohio, March 2.
1019—Washington Territorial 3c, Olympia, Wash., March 2.

To obtain First Day Covers collectors can send a reasonable number, each with a name and address, and enclosing a stuffer, to the c/o Postmaster of the designated first day city with a request for first day service. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamps to be affixed to the covers.

National Collection On View In New York

The National Stamp Collection, housed in the Smithsonian Institution, receives a copy of every stamp issued by a member of the Universal Postal Union through the U. S. Post Office Department. Besides, these, collections have been donated by many prominent collectors, including the late Col. Hans Lagerloef, A. Eugene Michel, and others.

Part of this collection is being brought to New York by Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., curator of the philatelic section of the Smithsonian. He will show the stamps on Friday, April 17 at 8 p. m. at the Willkie Memorial Building, 20 W. 40th St., New York City. All collectors are welcome.

The gathering is being held under the sponsorship of the American Philatelic Society. The A. P. S. is forming a New York branch chapter and this will be the first meeting.

For further information about the American Philatelic Society or this branch chapter write to Leon Gedaly, Regional Governor, 1439 West Ave., New York 62, N. Y.



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That 50th Anniversary of Aviation is going to come awful quick for some people. Previously conceived plans have been altered.

The first day of issue will now be at Dayton, Ohio exclusively and on May 29.

Issuing it earlier in the year instead of at the time of the National Air Races in Dayton this summer or even on the December first controlled flight anniversary date makes it possible to use the stamp by aviation-minded people, places and companies for almost a half year.

The design is in the hands of the anniversary celebration committee under the chairmanship of General James Doolittle. Undoubtedly a professional will be called upon to produce a suitable stamp picture. Also, the denomination will be 6c.

1. Has New Orleans ever been a first day city, and if so, when was the last time?

2. Has St. Louis ever been a first day city, and when was the last time?

I have here two letters one of which contains an answer and the other an idea, a pretty good one too. The answer is to the often heard query, "Why wasn't New Orleans chosen as the first day city of the Louisiana Purchase centennial since it of all cities was the most historically important involved?"

David Balding, director of public relations for the New Orleans "Purchase" celebration committee wrote the following which should clear up that point:

".....We wrote you that the stamp would have its initial sale in New Orleans, as well as in St. Louis. However, this does not seem to be possible according to the latest word we have received from Washington. We gather there has been some objection from stamp collectors to the simultaneous sale of the stamp in both cities.

(Note: The raised eyebrows are mine!)

"They feel, the Postmaster General informed one of our representatives, that the stamp would lose much of its value to collectors unless it was issued in one city only.

(Note: My sympathies to the New Orleansers. How were they to know this is a standard P. O. D. excuse for avoiding extra work, and definitely not a feeling of cover collectors.)

"This Association, for some time, attempted to have the bill authorizing the stamp changed so that New Orleans, which figured so prominently in the Louisiana Purchase, could have its share in the initial sale of the stamp. However, for the sake of what we believe to be the wishes (?) of stamp collectors, we are giving up our efforts to bring New Orleans into the picture.

"We might also add that the bill which authorized the issuance of the Louisiana Purchase commemorative stamp had already been passed before the change of administration. In its original form, it called for the commemorative issue to be sold in St. Louis only. At this comparatively late stage in the game, we believe it would simply result in confusion and overwork for an already overworked Congress for us to submit a new bill."

Now for the idea mentioned above. This corner has advocated more than one stamp for the Purchase for the event is momentous enough to be so recognized.

A. R. Johnson of Minneapolis, Minn., would like to see four reproductions of the 10c Louisiana Purchase commem of 1904 in the form of an imperforate sheet, the stamps having a 5c value each.

My hat off to the Central Ohio Precancel Club for that king-size March edition of "The Buckeye" their official publication. Eighteen full pages where ordinarily there

are six or eight. Haven't seen so many "buy" and "sell" adds for precancels in a long long time. What was it fellows, the "Spring Awakening" number? Ken Gierhart who writes the Precancel News column for Linn's is the advertising manager.

No doubt many of you have had this same thing occur to you, and haven't figured the matter to your satisfaction. A lady collector has written: —

"I collect U. S. commems. Have all the recent issues — spend probably \$10.00 per year — which is not much. My problem is, should I collect the earlier stamps by sets? Or should I collect the stamps of each set of lesser price first and add the more expensive stamps to the set later? Which is the better way to collect stamps?"

That has been discussed here on several occasions, but it is always a good item for review.

First off, I would say a collector must establish a limit. Definitely decide in his or her own mind that he or she will go back to 1945, 1940 or other date, and get everything from there to the present. Stay strictly within those boundaries and do not stray, no matter what the temptation. The sum of money you have to spend for stamps will help establish starting and stopping points.

Suppose by diligence you finally get all the stamps set in your goals. Now, move the limit back a few years to obtain all the stamps in that era, and so on.

I would always urge the purchase of full sets of commemorative stamps, United States or Foreign, for the simple reason that you can buy them cheaper that way than singly. And you should get the costlier stamps first because those are the ones which go up at a faster rate than those of lesser price.

And from a purely collector point of view you would certainly have a more impressive looking album complete say from 1940 to date than you would with stamps here and there from 1920 on.

Mrs. Gertrude Boss of Hopewell, Va. says that the town of Lemars, Iowa got its name in a most unusual way. A committee of young women to suggest a name for the community took the first letter of their given names and made it. They were —

Lucy Underhill; Elizabeth Parsons; Mary Wear; Anna Blair; Rebecca Smith; Sara Reynolds.

Mrs. Boss says plans are very much afoot to have another Jamestown Exposition in 1957. For the one in Hampton Roads, Va. from April 26 to December 1, 1907 three stamps were issued, Scott Nos. 328-330.

1. The 10c UPU airmail of November 18, 1949.

2. The 50c airmail of October 29, 1941.

Upped Air Rates Cause Difficulties

On page 12 of the March 30 edition was a news item relative to the willingness of the Kenya postal administration to handle first day covers of the Coronation stamp for collectors. The following bulletin has been received from that office and will be of importance to those wanting their material returned via air. It reads: —

"As from April 1, the airmail rates from Nairobi to the U.S.A. and Canada will be increased to two shillings and fifty cents per 1/2 oz. Any remittances for Coronation stamps or first day covers sent to the Accounts and Finance Department E.A. Posts and Telecommunications Administrations, Box 251, Nairobi, Kenya, British Africa should be increased accordingly."

Rutland, Vermont Has Eighth Annual Show

Feature of the non-competitive section of the 8th annual exhibition of the Rutland County Stamp Club, Rutland, Vermont will be the famous collection of Cardinal Spellman. The show which will be staged in the Free Library April 23 to 25 will have between 400 and 500 frames of material from the best of collections in the New England area.

Numerous clubs of the vicinity will participate by invitation of the Rutlanders. Displays will give a representative coverage of stamp collecting.

New York Federation Exhibition At Sidney

The annual exhibition and convention of the Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies is scheduled for Sidney, N. Y. on May 9 and 10. Scene of the affair will be the Recreation Building on Main St.

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Sidney, Ohio

I believe the Philatelic Library Association is the first "Sponsor" of a Special Issue of Linn's Weekly Stamp News to use "Paid advertising" in the form of a Membership Application form on the front page (February 23, edition). I believe your policy of not requiring "Sponsoring" organizations to use advertising space is correct.

You may, however, be pleased to pass along the word to other organizations that the coupon we used in the February 23rd issue, in four weeks, has brought us 62 new members. While some of the specialty groups may not have the wide appeal of an organization devoted to philatelic literature, they may welcome the suggestion of following our example.

For eleven years I have been diligently promoting the Philatelic Library Association. During that time nothing else has compared with the success of our Special Issue of Linn's Weekly.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Daniel W. Voors, Editor for Philatelic Library Association

Camillo Serafini, Vatican Governor

William Wonneberger, Jr.

When the Lateran Treaty was signed on February 11, 1929 the new nation of the State of Vatican City was created. The new infant country immediately tackled the job of organization and the establishing of a working Postal Administration for the handling of mails. The very first order of the newly appointed governor, Camillo Serafini, was for the issuance of a set of fifteen postage stamps. What was this man like who gave the stamp collecting world the very popular country of Vatican City?



Governor Camillo Serafini

Little is known about Camillo Serafini's early life. The few facts available are that he was born on April 21, 1864 in Rome and he was one of three sons of an ancient Roman family. One of his brothers entered the religious order of Benedictine Monks, the other entered the priesthood, eventually becoming head of the Vatican diplomatic affairs.

Later, this brother became a Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church. Camillo chose the life of a layman and married Giovanna Soldini. They were blessed with six sons and one daughter.

Serafini's service to the Vatican started as Custodian of the Pontifical Medals. While he was serving in this post, Pope Pius X summoned Monsignor Ratti to the Vatican to become Prefect of the Vatican Library and aid Cardinal Ehrle. During the thirty year period Serafini served as Custodian, he and Monsignor Ratti came into daily contact with an intimate friendship resulting.

When Achille Ratti was elected Pope Pius XI, Serafini visited him to receive many medals for the Pontifical Medal Collection. This collection today boasts of more than one hundred thousand pieces all described and cataloged by him.

In 1929, when the Vatican became an independent and sovereign nation, Pius XI remembered Serafini and his remarkable qualities when he appointed him Governor. At the age of sixty-four, Camillo Serafini assumed this high office and organized the Vatican State to enter the community of nations. He had complete jurisdiction over all civil affairs until his death, including the Post Office.

Throughout his life, this distinguished gentleman attained many honors. He was praised by King Victor Emmanuel III for his great fame as a scientist. For many years he was Director of the Artistic Workers, President of the Society of St. Peter's, and a member of various organizations, including the Council of the Bank. He entered the "Ordine Piano" and was made a Marquis by the Pope.

About 10 a. m. on March 21, 1952, the fatal stroke came. As the Governor was entering his

office he was stricken with a heart attack. Three quarters of an hour later, at the age of 87 years and 11 months, he went to his final reward.

Upon his death and to this day the Governor's office has remained empty. All of the Marquis' duties are being performed by a commission of two Cardinals known as the Pontifical Commission for the State of Vatican City.

It is a shame that all collectors the world over did not come into contact with this kind and sincere man. Whenever it became impossible to find data for Vatican write-ups, a letter to him brought a swift and complete story on the subject. Without a doubt, Camillo Serafini played a decisive role in placing Vatican stamps in so many albums where they are found today.

Our Famous Americans



ANTHONY WAYNE
Revolutionary Hero

Born in Easttown, Penna. 1745 — died in 1796. He was educated in Philadelphia and became a friend of Benjamin Franklin. For his boldness and daring during the Revolutionary war, they nicknamed him "Mad Anthony." He was named brigadier-general in 1777 and joined Washington's army.

Conspicuous at the battles of Brandywine, Chadds Ford and Warren Tavern, he captured Stony Point in 1779, and was with Lafayette's forces in Virginia. After the war he became member of the Pennsylvania assembly, and sat with the Constitution convention.

In 1792 he was made commander-in-chief of a successful expedition and campaign against the Indians of the Northwest. Remembered as one of the most able soldiers in Washington's army, he was also a popular hero of the time.

The design on the stamp commemorating the battle of Fallen Timbers depicts a memorial in his honor, erected on the battle site, showing the general standing between a frontiersman and an Indian.

H.M. Brehm
NEW LONDON, WIS.



April 10-12—Tri-State Exhibition, Seelbach Hotel, Louisville, Ky. Louisville Stamp Society hosts.

April 10-12—Sea Gull Stamp Club, Nueces Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas.

April 11—Albion Stamp Club, Baldwin Hall of Albion College, Albion, Mich.

April 11-12—Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo, YMCA, Jefferson Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

April 11, 12—Austin Philatelic Club, Austin Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill.

April 11, 12—Essex Philatelic Society, Masonic Temple, Madison & Sixth, Bay City, Mich.

April 13-17—Purdue University Stamp Club, Memorial Union Bldg., West Lafayette, Ind.

April 15-24—Marco Stamp Club, Enoch Pratt Library, Baltimore, Md.

April 17-18—Sandwich Stamp Club, Public Library, Sandwich, Ill.

April 17-18—Niagara Federation of Stamp Clubs, Hotel Niagara, Niagara Falls, N. Y. Niagara Frontier Stamp Club hosts.

April 17-19—Fresno Stamp Club, Parker Nash Show Rooms, Broadway and Stanislaus, Fresno, Calif.

Junior Show For Senior Meeting

The Alameda, Calif. Junior Stamp Club has been selected to serve as hosts for the quarterly meeting of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies to be held on Sunday, May 17.

The Council meeting will be a highlight of the sixth annual exhibition of the Alameda Junior Stamp Club which is to be held on May 16 and 17 in the Alameda Shrine Club Hall.

The exhibition is to include 90 frames of material prepared by the boys and girls of this west coast community.

The club insignia which features an outline map of Alameda flanked by bunches of California poppies has been selected as the central design for an exhibition seal which is now available from Andrew A. Christensen 1537 Union St., Alameda, Calif. Collectors can secure these for 10c each or three for 25 cents.

Spring Jamboree At Granby, Connecticut

Anticipating a balmy spring day, the Farmington Valley Stamp Club of Granby, Conn. has invited the Connecticut Philatelic Society as its guests for a spring jamboree on May 2.

Scene of the exhibition, bourse and dinner is the Granby Memorial School just a quarter of a mile north of the heart of the town on Route 10.

Activities begin at 1 p. m. with the opening of the bourse and exhibition. At 6:30 p. m. a dinner and business meeting are scheduled and at 7:30 a talk by Mrs. Edith

M. Fisher. There will be provisions for the entertainment of children and non-collectors. The affair, including the dinner is open to all; dinner reservations are to be made with the Committee, Box 93, Granby, Conn. at two dollars per plate.

Germany Society To Elect Officers

Chapter I of the Germany Philatelic Society will hold its annual business meeting on April 21 at 8:15 p. m. at the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th St., New York City. There will be an election of officers.

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This information, based on facts, not available from any other source so comprehensive a scale, will be invaluable to all who collect Canadian plate blocks or who may now and then pick up the odd block. There are many blocks of the greatest rarity scattered all over this continent in dealers' and collectors' hands. Their value is however not properly appreciated due to lack of any guide.

The catalog will be printed with the prices shown in attractive visual style. Sheets will not be bound but will be punched to fit into any of the Foursquare Plate block albums.

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Only as many sets will be published as I have orders on hand at the time when material is ready to go to the printers 100 extra sets will be published. These will be available at \$10.00 a set to late comers.

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progress. We bought for cash quite a few
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an investment holding of twelve hundred
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Shown here are New York City post office workers revaluing to 2c some of the millions of 1c cards in stock in post offices there. The machine is the Tickometer, a product of Pitney-Bowes of Stamford, Conn. It was by running the cards through this piece of equipment that the revaluation took place by the imprinting of the little green box which carried the legend "REVALUED/2c/P.O. DEPT."

The Machine Which Added A Pretty Penny

Carl P. Rueth

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"Junior, what is a Tickometer?"

"A-uh-Tickometer is a whatchamacallit the Post Office Department used to put that little green box on the 1c postal cards."

"In other words, Junior, you mean that it is a precision built machine, somewhat larger than a standard typewriter, which was used by the Department to Revalue stocks of 1c postal cards when the rate for such was advanced to 2c?"

"Yes'm, teacher."

Multiply junior by several hundred thousand grown up and not so grown up stamp and cover collectors and you will have a general idea of the individual concept of the Pitney-Bowes jack-of-all-trades in the counting and marking field, the Tickometer.

To get one thing straight right now, this machine was not invented to take care of a problem which confronted the postal powers that be in Washington. It was an existing piece of equipment which the post office people adapted to their need.

As you can see from the picture it's a rather compact unit; and as Pitney-Bowes will tell you if you twist their sales manager's arm ever so slightly, it's just about the last word in meeting counting, or imprinting problems.

The Post Office Department's job of adding another 1c value to existing 1c postal cards, and counting them as the task progressed to take care of the bookkeeping, was one of those things which were just made for the Tickometer.

To backtrack on the postal aspects for a minute most of you should remember that on January 1, 1952 it became the law of the land that the cost of sending a postal card, government, picture, or otherwise was boosted to 2c. Postmaster General Jesse Donaldson had recommended various rate increases to Congress affecting parcel post, special delivery, registration, and the postal card.

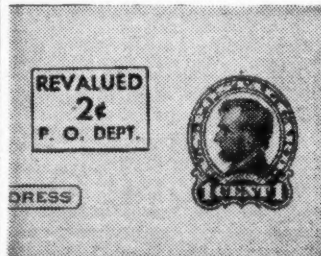
They were intended to help make the service less inclined to wind up each fiscal year with a half billion or more dollars on the red-figure side of the ledger.

It was impossible to plan stocks of the postal cards at the larger offices, and the smaller ones too, so that come January 1 all the one cent cards would be sold out and the new 2-centers ready to be peddled to the public.

There was, for instance, a total of approximately 66 million given the "golden touch" by the Tickometer at the New York City post office alone. That was tops for the nation with San Francisco second and St. Louis third.

It should be remembered that in a number of cases one city was designated in an area at which neighboring post offices could send their stocks of cards for handling. So actually, as in the case of San Francisco, large stocks of cards were revalued for northern California post offices and of surrounding states. They weren't all in storage in the San Francisco vaults — the man in charge gauges his require-

ments a bit closer than that. In places where the stock of cards was but in the thousands increasing their value a hundred percent was done by either the postal clerks sticking a one cent stamp to the one cent cards, or selling both to the public separately and letting "John Q." do it.



This shows the green revaluation box as applied by the Tickometer, to the left of the imprinted 1c Lincoln stamp. This is one of the "Library" or "Lady" size postal cards.

In existence and current on the new rate date were three different 1c government cards. First there was the commonest of the lot, the ordinary single having an imprinted stamp with Tom Jefferson's profile. Second, the Double Reply, consisting of attached "Message" and "Reply" cards the imprinted stamp of the former picturing Washington, the latter, his ever-loving wife, Martha. And third, a card somewhat smaller than single items of the other two, called by some a "Ladies" or "Library" and bearing a reproduction of Honest Abe Lincoln's features in the imprinted stamp design.

Everyone should be familiar with that little green-colored box 13-16 inch wide by 1/2 inch high in which were the three lines of "REVALUED-2c-P.O. DEPT." making the postals more valuable. They're common as grass.

You can see in the picture above how simple and easy the job was. The Tickometer was fitted with one of the revaluing dies — the man on the right placed the cards in the feeding magazine — the machine ran them through automatically — the clerk on the left then re-wrapped and stacked them.

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Henry M. Friedman
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HONG KONG. The \$10.00 green and violet stamp No. 166 is a scarce item. Do not worry about the Scott price of \$15.00 which is evidently too high. The Commonwealth Catalogue price is 45 shillings (\$6.30) and Gibbon's price is 55 shillings (\$7.70).

However these London prices seem to be too low and will probably soon be increased. This stamp is offered here at around \$6.00.

Another Hong Kong scarce stamp is No. 161, with a catalogue price of \$6.00. The 30c olive bistre stamp is also listed as 161A with a catalogue price of \$2.50. Collectors should learn to distinguish between the two, as some may have 161A in their collections thinking that it is No. 161.

The retail price of 161 is close to full catalogue, but No. 161A can be bought at 65c to 75c. This "A" variety is listed as "Coarse Impression" but the best way to distinguish between the two is by the perforations. No. 161 is perforated 14 and 161A is 15 x 14 or 14 1/2 x 14.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA. Stamp Collecting (London) reports that Southern Rhodesia will issue a 2 1/2 pence stamp in November to commemorate the visit of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke.

AUSTRALIA. Scott's has just advanced the price of mint Australian stamps No. 3-15, 43, 44, 56-59, 96-102, 126-129 and the 5 shillings Sidney Bridge Stamp No. 132 from \$17.50 to \$22.50.

GREAT BRITAIN. There is a large demand for the George VI Great Britain overprints, including the Morocco Agencies. The M. E. F. and E. A. F. are popular and have not advanced as much as some of the others. They look good at the present low prices.

CANADA. Stanley Gibbons have just increased the price on many of the recently obsolete stamps of Canada. This included the Capex set (311-314) which is quite scarce both mint and used. Other Canadian stamps which should not be overlooked are the unrevised set 289-293 and the coils 295-296.

MALTA. The six new color low value George VI stamps, recently released, may be the last stamps with the portrait of George VI. All new issues that are scheduled to appear soon will have the portrait of Elizabeth II.

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TICKOMETER (Continued from page 7)

It is also easy to see that it is possible, if you are so minded, to put either end of a card in, or either side and get that green box printed just about anywhere.

Therefore the fact that the imprint is on the bottom or sides, or anywhere else except the normal position beside the stamp, doesn't make for a rare or scarce item. Such are just deliberate freaks.

Pitney-Bowes claim that the Tickometer can imprint or count at the rate of up to one thousand pieces per minute. And it really had to move about that fast to get those piles of postals back to the post offices for sale before the middle of 1956.

Forty-five of the machines have been purchased by the Post Office Department for various tasks which crop up in regular operations.

According to Pitney-Bowes, Tickometers were bought by the POD and placed into use at the following post offices for the revaluation of the 1c postal cards: — Atlanta, Ga.; Austin, Texas; Boston, Mass.; Brooklyn, N.Y.; Charlotte, N.C.; Chicago, Ill.; Cleveland, Ohio

QUANTITIES OF U. S. POSTAL CARDS REVALUED BY TICKOMETER IN 1952

Post Office	#8 Jefferson Sc. #UX-39	#6 Double, Reply Sc. #UY-74+75	#5 Lincoln Sc. #UX-40
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Austin, Tex.	5,400,000	400,000	none
Birmingham, Ala.	4,900,000	300,000	none
Boston, Mass.	24,400,000	4,900,000	555,200
Brooklyn, N. Y.	7,100,000	600,000	8,000
Charlotte, N. C.	16,100,000	1,000,000	5,000
Chicago, Ill.	23,600,000	3,900,000	463,300
Cleveland, Ohio	1,600,000	1,100,000	55,000
Dallas, Tex.	15,200,000	1,300,000	27,500
Denver, Colo.	11,000,000	2,300,000	61,000
Detroit, Mich.	22,400,000	3,500,000	81,000
Los Angeles, Calif.	3,500,000	2,400,000	none
Minneapolis, Minn.	11,400,000	2,200,000	none
Nashville, Tenn.	12,700,000	2,600,000	1,055,500
New York, N. Y.	56,500,000	9,400,000	741,900
Oklahoma City, Okla.	14,200,000	1,800,000	none
Philadelphia, Pa.	15,900,000	5,300,000	none
Pittsburgh, Pa.	18,800,000	600,000	9,000
St. Louis, Mo.	31,300,000	9,300,000	1,754,800
San Diego, Calif.	4,400,000	200,000	none
San Francisco, Calif.	43,000,000	2,500,000	569,600
Seattle, Wash.	16,600,000	1,800,000	18,500
Topeka, Kans.	5,100,000	200,000	none
Vicksburg, Miss.	13,000,000	1,000,000	none
Washington, D. C.	9,167,089	3,066,230	1,073,476
Totals	397,467,089	62,266,230	6,708,776

Dallas, Texas; Denver, Colo.; Detroit, Mich.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Nashville, Tenn.; New York, N.Y.; Oklahoma City, Okla.; San Francisco, Calif.; Seattle, Wash.; Topeka, Kans.; Vicksburg, Miss.; Washington, D. C.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; St. Louis, Mo.; San Diego, Calif.

Some collectors have tried to find a means of identifying the imprints as coming from certain machines or offices, but to date there has been little or no success along those lines. Such differences as there are would be quite minor and difficult to establish for constancy.

Hershel E. Rankin of Memphis, Tenn. has completed some researches relative to the quantities of the three different 1c postal cards revalued at each of the post offices. He indicates a grand total of 466,442,095. His breakdown by cities and types is given in the chart below.

Mr. Rankin states that his figures were gotten from records of the Post Office Department's Bureau of Finance.

"And that, students, just about wraps up our session on the Tickometer. If there are no further questions, class is dismissed."

A.A.M.S. Convention At Dayton In May

Rear Admiral Jesse G. Johnson, U.S.N. (Ret'd), president of the American Air Mail Society has announced that the 30th Anniversary Convention of the organization will be held at Dayton, Ohio over Decoration Day week-end, May 29, 30 and 31.

The Society's Convention will thus fittingly and appropriately coincide with the celebration and ceremonies to be staged at Dayton at that time in connection with the year long observance of the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight.

The designation of hotel headquarters and detailed information as to program and events will be announced later. George D. Kingdom, of Conneaut, Ohio, a past president of the society, has been appointed general chairman.

Feature Story On Philatelic Masonry

The February, 1953, issue of the MACSA JOURNAL, official organ of the Maximum Card Society of America, has an illustrated article on "George Washington and Freemasonry."

The Journal also has various other interesting articles including — "How Much Are My Maximums Worth," "World News," and a review of new and recent issues in the field of maximaphily.

A limited number of copies of this Journal are available at 25c from the secretary, F. P. Palma, Cathedral Station, Box 193, New York 25, N. Y.

Annual Maine Meet At Belfast In May

May 16 is the date of the annual meeting of the Maine Philatelic Society, and the place is Belfast. On that date members and their friends will have an exhibition, bourse, auction and other philatelic features for their pleasure.

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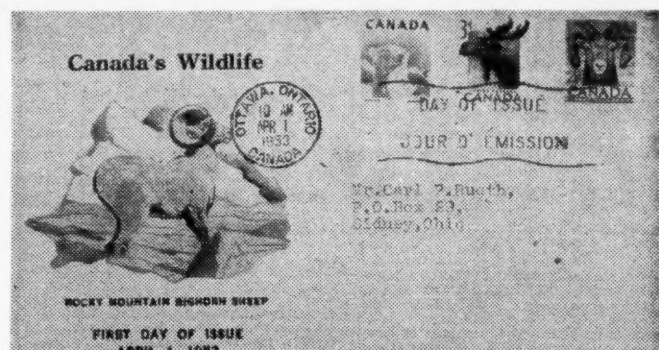
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ALGERIA — The "Day of the Stamp 1953" issue, appeared March 14 and is a 12fr plus 3fr violet, with "Algerie" in black. The design is the portrait of Count D'Argenson, who was a French Postmaster-General in the days of royalty.

AUSTRALIA — The new 3½ pence stamp portraying Queen Elizabeth II in red will be issued April 21 to replace the current 3½d stamp bearing the portrait of King George VI. The new stamp is the same size and will be printed 160 to the sheet.

Stamps of the 1d and 3d denominations will be issued in the same design in the near future, and other values will follow. The 4½d value will be discontinued since there is insufficient demand for such a denomination. Current stocks of this stamp will remain on sale until supplies are exhausted.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA — To commemorate the anniversaries of the writers and poets mentioned below, five new stamps were released February 28. A 1kcs. gray stamp depicted Martin Kucukin (Jan. 25) marking the 25th anniversary of his death. The 1.50 kcs. brown, honors the 100th anniversary of the birth of Jaroslav Vrchlicky and the 2kcs. red-carmine, commemorates the 100th anniversary of Karel Jaromír Erben's masterpiece, "Kytice. Vaclav Matej Kramerus is honored on the bicentennial of his birth on the 3kcs. brick-red and Josef Dobrovsky is shown on the 5kcs. also for the bicentennial of his birth.

HUNGARY — A set of ten air-mail stamps has been issued by this country, each portraying a different wild animal. Values are 20f., 30f., 40f., 50f., 60f., 70f., 80f., 1.50f., 2f., and each stamp has a background of shades of green, yellow or brown, to contrast with the natural coloring of each animal.

INDIA — According to Dhirubhai Mehta, a stamp will be issued to mark the Telegraph Centennial sometime in October. India claims to have constructed The first telegraph line in 1839 (21 miles). The Court of Directors of the East India Company were persuaded to sanction a 400 mile line in 1853.

SPANISH SAHARA — Three stamps of a vertical format mark the 75th Anniversary of the Royal Geographic Society. The stamps, 5c red orange, 35c dark green and 60c brown, show an allegorical figure with two columns and Africa on the world.

Revenue Society Prints Year Book

The American Revenue Association has recently issued its first yearbook after the first five years of its existence. It lists hundreds of revenue stamp enthusiasts along with their particular interests.

The first yearbook of the ARA contains an alphabetical index under the various major Revenue categories, volume by volume, which should prove highly valuable to collectors seeking information on any specific Revenue group. This index covers the first five years of the issuance of the ARA official organ "The American Revenuer".

Readers who are interested in obtaining a copy of this yearbook may do so by contacting: ARA Treasurer, 5540 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago 40, Illinois. Price of the publication is \$1.

Splendid Items In Fresh Air Fund Sale

Initial response to appeals made of some of the world's greatest personalities, guarantees the success of the stamp auction for the benefit of the Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund, according to Frederick H. Lewis, executive director.

The following have accepted invitations to serve on the committee for the gala auction which will be staged in the ballroom of the Hotel Astor, Broadway and 44th St., New York, at 8 p. m. on Wednesday, May 13: Senators Herbert H. Lehman and Irving M. Ives; Congressman J. K. Javits; Mayor Vincent Impellitteri; Ralph J. Bunche, chairman of the U. N. Trusteeship Committee; the Hon. James A. Farley; Bishop Horace W. B. Donegan; Hon. James M. Mead; Ambassador Carlos Romulo; Wilbur F. Cannon, president of the A. P. S. Admiral Jesse G. Johnson, president of the American Air Mail Society, and Ben Reeves, president of the S. P. A.

In response to requests for unusual items from their personal collections to be offered at this gala auction, extraordinary gifts already have been received from General Mark W. Clark, ex-King Carol of Romania; Courvoisier-Helio, S. A.; the Philippine Postal Administration; Leon Helguera, designer of U. S. and U. N. stamps; Jean Van Noten, designer of Belgian and U. N. issues; Gimbel's Stamp Center, and others.

Collectors and dealers who wish to participate are asked to donate a valuable stamp, set or cover, accompanied by a note presenting it to the Fresh Air Fund Stamp Auction. They are to send it immediately to the Fund, 230 W. 41st St., New York 36, so that it may be appropriately described in a deluxe catalogue which is being prepared for distribution, and the cost of which is being donated by the country's foremost stamp dealers.

Circumstances Call For Business Slowdown

The Pine Stamp Co., 1324 Jacksonville Ave., Bend, Ore. which was a joint operation of the late Charles Weil and Mrs. Weil will go "into low gear" for a few months according to Mrs. Weil. She will need time to reorganize the stock and other material along lines which will make servicing of orders easier and more efficient.

Mr. Weil died in March. If customers and correspondents do not get the usual prompt answers to their orders and inquiries, Mrs. Weil asks their indulgence for the delay.

Zeppelin Mail Group Has Rapid Growth

Because the response of interested collectors has been far greater than anticipated, Joseph F. Bush Elks Lodge, Hempstead, N. Y. secretary of the Zeppelin Mail Society, reports that charter membership in the group will be closed sooner than thought possible.

So far the group has published three club bulletins all of which are available to those who become members in the near future. The society is a branch of the American Airmail Society.

Jacobs Will Speak To Roosevelt Club

Burleigh Jacobs of Wauwatosa Wis. will be the featured speaker at the April 21 meeting of the Roosevelt Philatelic Society.

All interested collectors are invited to the session to be held at the club's regular meeting place, the Grand Crossing Park Fieldhouse, 77th St. and Ingleside Ave., Chicago.



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BROOKLYN CARDS

A reader showed me a couple of precancelled Post Cards from Brooklyn. These cards are of the Mailers Postmark permit variety. There was no date showing when they might have been mailed. The Permit number was the same for both, permit No. 7, but the cards advertised two different brands of tea. Evidently a sales promotion plan of some wholesale grocery firm or importing house.

One card was a coupon for Taley Tea. Present this card, and a small amount of cash, and get a package of tea. The other was on the same line but a different brand of tea.

To card collectors perhaps this is not news but general collectors of precancels looking for an oddity or two for their collections could try running down one of these for a change.

UN PRECANCELS

Have more and more reports of collectors having the things and finally saw one last week. One collector reports that he picked up six in a mixture. As yet there is no reasonable price pattern to say what the price should be. It will probably take a year for the things to reach a level where one can be quoted.

One thought about the stamps was brought to my attention by a reader. It is this. The size is about the same as a Famous American U. S. stamp. Therefore in this size it is quite possible that 250,000 of the things were not made but probably about 30 percent less. Reasoning that only 70 would be made for every hundred that would have been made had the stamp been a small regular size stamp.

There might be something to this line of reasoning at that. However there were still plenty issued and for the number who might want them I would say the peak price was reached in that auction sale reported some weeks ago.

MORE OHIO DOLLAR VALUES

Have had several comments on the Dollar Lima reported a few weeks back. So here is a couple more seen at the stamp show at Canton, Ohio last week. The Dollar value from Walnut Creek also one from Orrville. The Walnut Creek was type U-126 and Orrville was U-120.

Also saw several dollar Burlington, Vermont items. The Dollar Prexy makes a beautiful stamp and it's no wonder the precancel collector goes for it when and wherever he sees the stamp offered.

Albany Tulip Festival Cachet

In tribute to its Dutch origins Albany, N. Y. has instituted an annual tulip festival at which time Washington Park is a colorful blaze of glory with 100,000 tulips in full bloom.

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At a meeting of the publicity committee numerous designs were submitted and were eventually brought down to "The Boy", designed by D. Hughes and "Resurgam", designed by L. A. G. Willcock. The voting of the committee was equally divided between these two designs and as a result it was decided that both would be used and two seals issued for 1951. All seals were in sheets of thirty,

rouletted, and contained no straight edge seals. "Resurgam" measured 38½ x 24½ mm and was arranged in sheet form of five seals across and six down; design consists of the phoenix sitting on its nest of fire. (A fabulous bird, according to Egyptian mythology, the phoenix was very large, very beautiful, always male and there were never two in the world at once. It was believed to live for 500 years. At the end of that time it built a nest in which it burned itself alive. From the ashes rose the new young phoenix, who flew with the burned nest and ashes of his forbear to Egypt and deposited them on the altar of the sun-god). At top the word "resurgam" (Latin word meaning "rise again"). Colors were black, orange-red with pink background.

"The Boy" design portrays a crippled boy in black standing on a pink road gazing at a red orange sunrise. Lettering at top and bottom in white lettering on black background. Size of this seal is 24x37 mm and they were arranged in sheet form six across and five down.

For 1952, a competition was held

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Several ships can be seen in the design of the stamp Brazil issued in 1908 to mark the centenary of the opening of Brazilian ports to foreign commerce.

Lincoln Pictured In Decatur Cachet

The Pioneer Trail traversed by Abraham Lincoln in early March of 1830 from Gentryville, Ind. to Decatur, Ill. and an outline drawing of Lincoln are the subjects pictured in the cachet which the Decatur Stamp Club will produce for their annual exhibition May 9 and 10 at the YMCA in Decatur, Ill.

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